

**REMARKS**

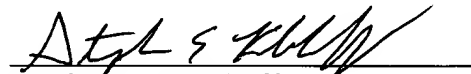
In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed May 26, 2004, the entire "Amendment to the claims" section of the Applicants' amendment filed May 10, 2004 has been replaced with the claim amendments herein.

The Applicants have canceled all previously pending claims, i.e., claims 1, 2, 4-27 and 32-42. New claims 43-50 have been added.

The Applicants respectfully submit that a complete listing of all claims is presented in ascending numerical order and that the text of all pending claims, including withdrawn claims, is presented in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

Please charge any additional fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 03-1237.

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